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Mr. Henry Owen
Chairman, Policy Planning Council
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Henry:

The subject of tomorrow's Policy Planning Council meeting ("Strategic Mobility and US Security Policy") gives me an opportunity to reply to your memorandum of 15 June.

I am sending Mr. Bruce Clarke, the Director of our newly organized Office of Strategic Research, to participate in your discussion. I have chosen Bruce Clarke because he is the best informed senior person in the Agency regarding this subject. I am certain that his contribution will be substantial.

I am equally certain that I can provide a knowledgeable senior person on the whole array of subjects the Council discusses. Keeping in mind that the Agency does not have any policy planning responsibilities but participates in the meetings of the Council largely as contributors of information and intelligence judgments, it seems to me preferable that officers like Mr. Clarke represent us, particularly when the subjects under consideration are specialized or technical. In this way, it seems to me, we can be more helpful to you and derive more benefit for ourselves. I therefore propose in the future to send with your permission those senior persons having the appropriate substantive background to represent me when matters of the above description are being discussed.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ R. J. Smith

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